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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5202**

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**By** Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Delvin, Eide, Hewitt, Brandland, Pridemore, Holmquist, McCaslin, Haugen, Jacobsen, Honeyford, Rasmussen and Roach)

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1       AN ACT Relating to permissible weaponry for on-duty law enforcement  
2 officers; and amending RCW 9.41.250.

3       BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4       **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.41.250 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 424 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6       (1) Every person who:

7       ~~((1))~~ (a) Manufactures, sells, or disposes of or possesses any  
8 instrument or weapon of the kind usually known as slung shot, sand  
9 club, or metal knuckles, or spring blade knife, or any knife the blade  
10 of which is automatically released by a spring mechanism or other  
11 mechanical device, or any knife having a blade which opens, or falls,  
12 or is ejected into position by the force of gravity, or by an outward,  
13 downward, or centrifugal thrust or movement;

14       ~~((2))~~ (b) Furtively carries with intent to conceal any dagger,  
15 dirk, pistol, or other dangerous weapon; or

16       ~~((3))~~ (c) Uses any contrivance or device for suppressing the  
17 noise of any firearm,  
18 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

1       (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to any law  
2 enforcement officer who, in the discharge of official duty, carries a  
3 spring blade knife. Law enforcement officers may not be prosecuted for  
4 possession of a spring blade knife when the officer is merely  
5 transporting the knife to and from the location where it is stored when  
6 the officer is not on official duty.

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